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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: MUZOREWA READY TO TALK TO SMITH

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SUNDAY TIMES OF NOV. 27 CARRIED AN ARTICLE STATING BISHOP MUZOREWA WAS READY TO TALK WITH SMITH ON HIS ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO SEEK AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT (REFTELS).

MUZOREWA REPORTEDLY TOLD A TOWNSHIP AUDIENCE IN SALISBURY THAT "THIS TIME I WANT TO BELIEVE MR. SMITH IS SINCERE.

I SHALL TEST HIM TO FIND OUT IF HE REALLY MEANS THAT HE IS PREPARED TO CONCEDE THE PRINCIPLE OF MAJORITY RULE ON AN ADULT SUFFRAGE. I WANT IT KNOWN RIGHT FROM THE START THAT I RESERVE THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW IF IT BECOMES EVIDENT THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT AIMED AT A GENUINE TRANSFER OF POWER." SPEAKING OF THE BACKGROUND TO THE DEVELOPMENT, MUZOREWA REPORTEDLY UNCLASSIFIED

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SAID, "MR. SITH PHONED AND SAID HE WANTED TO SEE ME. I THOUGHT IT FOOLISH NOT TO GO IN VIEW OF OUR COUNTRY'S SITUATION. HE TOLD ME OF HIS INTENTIONS. I TOLD HIM WE COULD GO TO TALKS ONLY ON ONE CONDITION-- THAT HE GAVE ONE PERSON, ONE VOTE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE IS WILLING TO GO AHEAD ON THAT BASIS, BUT HE WANTS A FEW THINGS TO RETAIN WHITE CONFIDENCE...

AND WE TAKE THAT REQUEST VERY SERIOUSLY. OUR PURPOSE IS NOT TO EXPEL THE WHITES. WE REALIZE THERE ARE UP TO FOUR GENERATIONS OF WHITES HERE." MUZOREWA ALSO SAID THAT THE FIGHTING "WILL STOP WHEN IT IS CLEAR TO US THAT MR. SMITH HAS SIGNED AND DELIVERED MAJORITY RULE ON ONE PERSON, ONE VOTE. WE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO WILL PASS THE MESSAGE TO THE GUERRILLAS. I WILL MAKE THE APPEAL PERSONALLY WHEN THE TIME COMES."BOWDLER

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